











# Appleton Crescent.

Love Letter Fifty Years of Age.

Saint St. Marie, Oct 26, '61

Dear Sir: In enclosure a copy of a love letter of about the year 1800, which, if you think curious enough to publish, why do so.

Yours truly, W.

Dear Madam: After long consideration, and much meditation, of the great reputation you possess in the nation, I have a strong inclination to become your relation. On your approbation of this declaration, I shall make preparation to remove my situation to a more convenient station, to profess, and if such an abatement can obtain commiseration, it will be an aggrandizement beyond all calculation, of the joy and exultation.

Of yours,

HANS DISSIMULATION.

ANSWER.

Sir: I perused your oration with much deliberation, and a little contentation at the great insatiation of your weak imagination to show such veneration upon so slight a foundation. But after contemplation, I considered your admiration had sprung from ostentation to display your education by an odd enumeration, or rather multiplication, of words of the same termination, though with each respective signification; and thinking insatiation a sufficient gratification, I am, without hesitation,

Yours,

MARY MODERATION.

[New, Marquette, Mich.]

SUNDAY READING.—The Chicago R. R. Gazette perpetrates the following:

A minister was traveling in the back woods and spying a cabin, entered on his mission of mercy. The lady of the house, (she being the only one present, and rightly judging his errand,) when she perceived him approaching, seized the Bible, and when he entered, was to all intents busily engaged in perusing the volume. He noticed, however, that she held the book with the letters reversed; or, in other words, upside down. After the usual contest, the minister enquired of what she was reading.

"Oh, 'bout the old prophets," was the evidently self-satisfactory response.

"It is very edifying to read about the suffering and death of Christ," said the minister.

"And so that good man is dead—is he?" asked the matron, evidently interested.

"Certainly he is."

"Well, that's just the way. I've been at John a long time to take the newspapers, but he won't. Everybody in the world might die and we not get to hear a bit 'bout it," said the woman in a rapid tone.

"Ah, woman, you are in the dark," said the preacher with elongated face.

"Yes, I know we are. I've been at John a long time to put a window in the fore end of the house, but he won't do that either."

"I perceive you are weak in knowledge."

"I know that I'm weak; and I guess if you'd had the fever, n' been takin' Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparil an' Caracat Pills as long as I have, you'd be weak too," replied the woman in rather an angry tone of voice, and half an octave higher than usual.

A gentleman from N. Y., who had been in Boston for the purpose of collecting some money due him in that city, was about returning when he found his bill of a hundred dollars had been overpaid. His landlord, who knew the debtor, thought it a doubtful case, but added, if it was collectable at all, a rawboned Yankee, then jumping a ladder in another part of the hall, would worry it out of him.

Calling him up, therefore, he introduced him to the creditor, who showed him the account.

"Wal, squire," he said, "I ain't much use o' tryin' I guess. I know that critter. You might as well try to squeeze it out of Dunker Bill as to collect a debt out of him. But anyhow, squire, what'll you give, s'posin' I do try?"

"Well, sir, the bill is a hundred dollars; I will give you—yes, I'll give you half if you will collect it."

"Greed," replied the collector. "There's no harm in tryin', any way."

Some weeks after, the creditor happened to be in Boston, and walking up Tremont street, encountered his enterprising friend.

"Look o' here, Squire," said he, "I had rather considerable luck with that bill of yours. You see I stuck to him like a dog to a root, but for the first week or so, (want no use—not a bit. If he wasn't home I couldn't get no satisfaction. So I sat down on the doorstep, and sat all day part of the evening, and I began airily next day; but about ten o'clock he gin in. He paid me my half and I gin him up the note!"

ANTIQUITY OF ARMY CRACKERS.—A letter from Col. McLean's Erie regiment says: "To-day the Colonel ordered an inspection of some hard-bread or army crackers, to be made, which resulted in condemning forty-six barrels out of fifty. The Colonel is bound that his men shall not be swindled out of their just and appropriate fodder by any of these cursed sharks. There is a talk now of making requisitions for flour, and detailing a lot of men to go to the ovens of Alexandria to bake for the regiment, and to keep them in fresh soft bread. The crackers we eat are stumped '1801,' and the boys say they have seen several marked 'B. C.'"

Miss Yonge, the popular English authoress, it is stated, has given \$10,000—the profits of her "Daisy Chain"—for the building of a missionary college at Auckland, New Zealand; and has devoted a great portion of the proceeds of the "Heir of Redclyffe" to fitting out the missionary schooner Southern Cross for the use of Bishop Selwyn.

Mr. Glenon, known as the Irish naturalist, died a few weeks since.

## PICKET DUTY.—The N. Y. Sunday Mercury

has a correspondent at the seat of war, who sends some good letters. Here is his last on picket experience:

"While on my lonely beat, about an hour ago a light tread attracted my attention, and on looking up, I beheld one of Seaside's pickets—standing before me."

"'Stranger,' says he, 'you remind me of my grandfather, who expired, before I was born, but this unnatural war has made us enemies, and I must shoot you. Give me a chew tobacco.'"

"He was a young man, my boy, in the prime of life, and descended from the First Families of Virginia. That is to say, his mother was a virgin. At least that's what I understood by the First Families of Virginia."

"I looked at him, and says I—  
"Let's compromise, my brother."

"'Never!'" says he, "the South is fighting for her liberty, her firesides, and the pursuit of happiness, and I desire most respectfully to welcome you with bloody hands to a hospitable grave."

"'Stand off ten paces,'" says I, "and let's see whose name shall come before the coroner first."

"He took his place, and we fired simultaneously. I heard a ball go whistling by a barn about a quarter of a mile on my right; and when the smoke cleared away I saw the Seaside picket approach me with an awful expression of woe on his otherwise dirty countenance."

"'Soldier,'" says he, "was there anything in my head before you fired?"

"'Nothing,'" says I, "save a few harn less misgivings."

"'I speak not of them,'" says he. "Was there anything inside your head?"

"'Nothing,'" says I.

"'Well,'" says he, "just listen now."

"He shook his head mournfully, and I heard something rattle in it."

"'What is that?' I exclaimed."

"'That,'" says he, "is your bullet, which has penetrated my skull, and is rolling around in my brain. I die happy, and with an empty stomach; but there is one thing I would like to see before I perish for my country. Have you a quarter about you?"

"Too much affected to speak, I drew the coin from my pocket and handed it to him. The dying man clutched it convulsively, and stared at it for a while."

"'This,'" said he, "is the first quarter I have seen since the fall of Sumter, and had I wounded you, I should have been totally unable to have given you any quarter."

"Ah! how beautiful it is! how bright, how exquisite, and good for four drinks! But I have not time to say all I feel!"

"The expiring soldier then laid down his gun, hung his cap and overcoat on a branch of a tree, and blew his nose. And he then died."

"And there I stood, my boy, on that lonely beat looking down upon that fallen type of manhood, and thinking how singular it was he had forgotten to give me back my quarter. The sight and the thought so moved me that I was obliged to turn my back on the corpse and walk a little way from it. When I returned to the spot the body was gone. Had it gone to heaven? Perhaps so, my boy—perhaps so; but I haven't seen my quarter since."

"D—d Close."—The cannon ball noticed by our correspondent, as making a loud call for Capt. Bugh, has arrived. It is only a six pounder, but would be likely to injure a man some if it should hit him.

It is related of Capt. Bugh, that on picking it up from where it fell, within a few feet of him, having evidently been intended for his benefit, as he was the only one of his company in sight of the enemy, he remarked: "Boys, this is pretty d—d close, but they will have to put in a little more powder next time, or we must move nearer."—Berlin Courier.

A gentleman who applied for his ticket of admission at the Middle Temple on Tuesday said to the Treasurer that he believed he was the oldest member of the Inn, having been called 61 years ago. "I assure you, Sir," said the Treasurer, "you are a long way off, there being as many as thirty before you." The gentleman who was thus made so very much a junior is 77 years of age.

Among the letters captured at Lee fort was one from Langdon Cheves to Col. Lee asking for a commission in his regiment for Oscar Lieber, now a private in Hampton's Legion. Lieber is a son of the distinguished Professor in Columbia College, one of the most loyal men in N. Y., and no friend of Slavery.

Maj. Israel Vodge, who was taken prisoner by the rebels on the occasion of the attack on Col. Billy Wilcox's Regiment at Santa Rosa Island, is a grand nephew of Maj. Anthony Wayne, of the Revolution Col. Hayman, of the N. Y. 37th, a cousin of Maj. Vodge, is also a grand-nephew of the Revolutionary General.

The commander of the rebel force, so signally defeated by Gen. Kelly at Pickett's—Gen. Williams—was an officer of the Tennessee Volunteers in Mexico. He won so much fame at the battle of Cerro Gordo, as that ever since, he has been known in the service as "Cerro Gordo Williams."

He has no superior in the disunion army.

An erroneous, but very general, impression obtains that the current increase of the public debt of the United States is equal to at least one million a day. But such is not the fact. Since the first of Sept. the increase of the public debt has averaged but \$7,000 a day.

Gov. Wickliffe, Rev. R. J. Breckenridge and George D. Prentice, all of Kentucky, first friends of the Union, have each a son in the rebel army. General Thomas, in his report, it will be recollected, said the young men of Kentucky were largely infected with disloyalty.

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